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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION VISITS SENEGAL

REF: STATE 82633; KHARTOUM 1175

1. THREE-MAN ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION LED BY LT. COL ABEBE BELAYNEH, MEMBER OF PROVISIONAL MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL, DEPARTED DAKAR APRIL 23 AFTER DELIVERING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR. BELAYNEH TOLD DAKAR DAILY LE SOLEIL THAT, IN PREVIOUS THREE WEEKS, HE HAD VISITED IVORY COAST, MALI, GUINEA BISSAU AND CAPE VERDE AND SAID HE WOULD TRAVEL ON TO GAMBIA AND CAMEROON. HE INDICATED HIS MESSAGE EXPLAINED "EVOLUTION OF ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION AND CURRENT STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES."

2. ACCORDING TO LE SOLEIL, BELAYNEH ASSURED THAT "THERE  
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IS NO EXTRA AFRICAN HAND IN THE ADVENT AND DEVELOPMENT" OF ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION. ASKED ABOUT REPORTS THAT ETHIOPIA WAS BECOMING SOVIET SATELLITE, BELAYNEH REPLIED "ETHIOPIA IS NOT A COLONY OF ANY COUNTRY, WHATEVER IT BE." IT WAS UNDERSTANDABLE, HE SAID, THAT IMPERIALISTS WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO "CHOKE" SOCIALIST ETHIOPIAN REGIME. IT WAS THEREFORE NORMAL "THAT ETHIOPIA DEVELOP ITS RELATIONS

WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD WHICH SUPPORT IT."

3. ON ERITREAN SITUATION, ETHIOPIAN EMISSARY SAID "ARAB REACTIONARIES ARE STEPPING UP THEIR AID IN MONEY AND ARMS TO THESE SEPARATIST ELEMENTS WITH A VIEW TOWARD MAKING THE RED SEA AN ARAB LAKE." THREE OF THEM, HE SAID, HAD MET IN KHARTOUM AND PRODUCED A JOINT DECLARATION INSISTING ON CONTROL AND DEFENSE OF RED SEA. HE CHARGED THAT "SUCH MACHINATIONS" WERE UNDER "THE PATRONAGE OF INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM." SUDAN HAD BECOME "REGROUPMENT POINT" FOR "ALL ANTI-ETHIOPIAN AND ANTI-REVOLUTIONARY ELEMENTS," HE ASID. HOWEVER, ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT "CONTROLS REGION OF ERITREA PERFECTLY." BELAYNEH POINTED OUT THAT PRESIDENT SENGHOR CONDEMNED ALL FORMS OF SEPARATISM AND SECESSION WHICH TENDED TO BALKANIZE AFRICA.

4. BALAYNEH REPORTEDLY SAID ZAIRE PORBLEM WAS "INTERNAL AFFAIR," BUT SUGGESTED SOLUTION FELL WITHIN COMPETENCE OF OAU. HE DENOUNCED ALL FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF A COUNTRY. QUESTIONED ON FRANCO-AFRICAN SUMMIT, BALAYNEH ACKNOWLEDGED THAT "EACH COUNTRY HAS THE RIGHT TO DECIDE AND TO CHOOSE THE WAYS AND MEANS CAPABLE OF ENSURING ITS DEVELOPMENT AND THE WELL BEING OF ITS PEOPLE."

5. BALAYNEH SAID SCHOOL FOR POLITICAL TRAINING OF CADRES HAD OPENED IN ETHIOPIA AND ITS GRADUATES COULD BE FOUND IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY "MOBILIZING THE MASSES IN CONFORMITY WITH THE IDEALS OF MARXISM-LENINISM."

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6. THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICAL SENEGALESE STATEMENT ON VISIT.  
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